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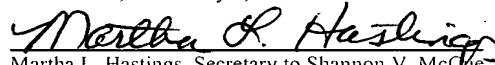
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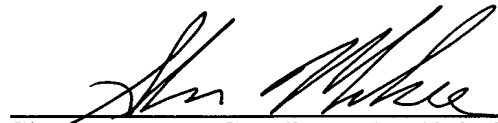
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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (*with Certificate of Mailing*)  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.